

***TELECONFERENCE***  
**MINUTES**  
**STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, JULY 26, 2005 at 9:00am**  
**DIVISION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**  
**333 WEST NYE LANE, ROOM 126**  
**CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89706-0857**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Keith Whipple called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Keith Whipple, Hiko  
Judy Currier, Las Vegas  
Sterling Wines, Ely  
Vance Vesco, Winnemucca  
Howard Glancy, Dayton Valley

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

James Settelmeyer, Gardnerville  
Joe Sicking  
Don Henderson, Department of Agriculture  
Dr. Rangesan Narayanan

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Freeman, President of NvACD  
Kelly McGowan, Division of Conservation Districts  
Liz Warner, NRCS  
Ana J. Jimenez, Division of Conservation Districts

**II. REVIEW, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - \*ACTION\***

This item was tabled for approval in the next commission meeting in November.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Liz Warner spoke on behalf of Richard Vigil.

- Liz announced that the Water Quality Grants closed at 3pm on July 25<sup>th</sup> and they will be awarding the grants by August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- A need has been identified to coordinate RC&D councils statewide. Liz wanted to know if there would be time to bring this up at the annual NvACD meeting.
- NRCS expects to move more funding through grants and/or agreements. NRCS may want to host a session on agreements at the NvACD meeting.
- NRCS is co-sponsoring the Fourth Nevada Indian Agricultural and Environmental Summit with Cooperative Extension and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The Summit will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Legacy in Reno. Letters will be mailed to tribes, districts and partners. Information about the Summit is also posted on the NRCS Nevada website.  
[www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov)
- NRCS is also co-sponsoring the Centennial Farms & Ranch Awards Program this year. Eleven families are being inducted this year. The banquet will be held Saturday July 30, 2005 at the Winnemucca Convention Center. Nevada Ag Council, Farm Bureau, Nevada Cattlemen's and Nevada Department of Agriculture are also sponsoring the program. More information about the Centennial Farms & Ranch Awards Program is available on the NRCS Nevada website.
- The Conservation Security Program watersheds were announced nationally and they were announced in Nevada on July 25<sup>th</sup>. 47 contracts were approved in the 3 Nevada watersheds. A special signing ceremony will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at 6pm at Ken Bitler's farm in Yerington. Sara Braasch, Regional Assistant Chief will be attending. Kelly McGowan will be the master of ceremonies. Chris Freeman will represent NvACD.

#### **IV. FINAL APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGETS AS PER NAC 548.090, 548.100, 548.110 AND 548.120 – \*ACTION\***

- A. The commission will review and take action on re-submitted and revised Conservation District Budget Reports for FY 2006
  - a. After a brief report from Kelly on the Big Meadow revised budget, Howard made a motion to approve their budget. Judy seconded the motion, motion passed.
  - b. The Owyhee CD budget was discussed; Keith voiced reservations about Owyhee holding funds from one fiscal year to the next. Judy made a motion to approve their budget and for the commission to request a copy of an agreement which should reflect the down payment or a contract to buy the equipment. Owyhee would be required to present this agreement next year at the July meeting. Sterling seconded, motion passed.
  - c. Judy made a motion to approve Owyhee's work plan. Vance seconded, motion passed.
  - d. Washoe-Storey did not provide a revised budget; therefore the commission did not take action on their budget.

#### **V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORTS FY 2005 AS PER NAC 548.090 AND NAC 548.110 – \*ACTION\***

The commission will review and take action on the approval of the Draft Financial Reports for FY 2005 for all Conservation Districts as per NAC 548.100, 548.110 and 548.120.

- Eureka, Lander, Quinn, Washoe-Storey and White Pine Conservation Districts have not yet submitted a financial report.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING: DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT STANDING AS PER NRS 548.178 AND AS PER NAC 548.110 AND 548.120 \*ACTION\***

- A. Comments on District Draft Financial Reports - Kelly reported on the financial reports that were submitted and advised the commission.
- B. District/Public Comments – none
- C. Commission action on Districts in “Good Standing” **\*ACTION\*** - Vance made a motion to approve the financial reports that were submitted. Howard seconded, motion passed.

**VII. EQUALLY AWARD GRANT MONEY TO DISTRICTS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE AS PER NRS 548.178 AND 548.130 ACTION**

*Award Grants to Conservation Districts in “Good Standing” with Commission Approved Conservation District Budgets, Annual Workplans and Financial Reports.*

The commission awarded the grant money to those districts that submitted their financial reports and those districts that have not submitted their financial reports will be revisited in the commission’s November meeting. Howard made a motion to award the grant money to: *Big Meadow, Carson Valley, CD of Southern Nevada, Clover, Dayton Valley, Duck Valley, Esmeralda, Jiggs, Lahontan, Lamoille, Lincoln, Mason Valley, Nevada Tahoe, North East Elko, Owyhee, Paradise Sonoma, Ruby Valley, Smith Valley, Southern Nye County, Starr Valley, Stillwater, Tonopah, and Vya Conservation Districts.* Sterling seconded, motion passed.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Reminder that district’s Annual Reports and final Financial Reports for FY 2005 are due by September 30, 2005.

**IX. CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS –** Chris reported that he has a contract with the Casablanca for the NvACD annual meeting in November, he will be sending out more details about the meeting in early August.

**X. COMMISSIONER ITEMS – Commissioners Comments and Report**

*Unless otherwise listed with a topic description, this portion of the agenda is limited to announcements and discussions of items proposed for action at future meetings. – There were no commissioner items.*

**XI. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – \*ACTION\***

- A. The next commission meeting will be in Mesquite, Nevada on November 7, 2005, it is tentatively scheduled for 7pm.

**XII. ADJOURN – \*ACTION\***

Keith adjourned the meeting at 9:45am.